Government Offices in Rented Buildings in New Delhi

710 DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of departments of the Central Government which are housed in rented buildings in New Delhi;

(b) the total amount of rent paid by these departments annually; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to construct offices for these departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The various Ministries/Departments of Government of India have been vested with full power to hire office accommodation in the open market. As such the information regarding the number of such offices and the amount of rent being paid, is not being maintained. Some office accommodation is being constructed within the available resources as part of the general pool for meeting the requirement of the various departments.

Colonies without Basic Amenities in Delhi

711. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and numbers of colonies of Delhi which are still without adequate drinking water, drainage and electric facilities; and

(b) by when these facilities are likely to be provided in these colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Government-owned Agricultural Farms

712 DR MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government-owned agricultural farms in the country till October, 1987, State-wise;

(b) the total production of these farms during the last three years;

(c) the annual income and expenditure of these farms; and

(d) how many of these farms are running on profit and how many in losses and what are the details of profits and losses of these farms during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Encroachment of Wakf Property

713. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the unauthorised occupation and encroachment of Wakf property, especially the lands and the graveyards in Delhi;

(b) the number of such cases of occupation and encroachments during the last two years in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the value of such lands which are under unauthorised occupation and on which encroachments have been made in Delhi and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The following steps have been taken

to prevent the unauthorised occupation and encroachment of Wakf property including the lands and graveyards in Delhi·

(i) The State Wakf Boards have been directed to be vigilant and in case of any encroachment or any apprehension of encroachment they should lodge complaint with the nearest police station and seek their assistance;

(ii) The State Wakf Boards have also been asked to take steps to develop vacant urban lands so as to avoid possibility of encroachment;

(iii) With regard to graveyards and graveyard lands the State Governments including Delhi Administration have been requested to take steps to update the entries in revenue records. They have also been requested to consider the possibility of providing financial assistance to State Wakf Boards/Mutawallis for erection of boundry walls around graveyards/graveyards lands, particularly in rural areas to protect them from encroachment.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

'Ingot Bogey Circular Track Machine' in Bokaro Steel Plant

714. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item published in the 'Ranchi Express', Hindi Daily From Ranchi of 28th August, 1987 to the effect that a team of workers of Bokaro Steel Plant started the "Ingot Bogey Circular Track" which could not be operated for the last so many years; if so; what has been the savings to the plant as a result of the working of this machine; and

(b) whether any prize, promotion, appreciation certificate etc. were given to those workers, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Efforts for commissioning the ingot buggies on the circular track were initiated in December, 1983 and several modifications continued until December, 1985 when the buggies were run on the circular track. However, as the stabilisation of operations has not yet been achieved fully, and alterations and modifications still continue to be done, it is not possible to quantify the savings to the plant.

(b) The employees who were concerned with these efforts were given recognition by suitable coverage in Bokaro Steel Plant House Magazine, namely, Bokaro Darpan, in August, 1986 with a resume on the contribution made by them and their photographs.

Chief Minister or Senior Minister Incharge of Minority Welfare

715. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the names of the States where either the Chief Minister or a Senior Minister in the Cabinet has been made in-charge of minority welfare in the State for implementation of the Prime Minister's 15-Point programme on minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): The State of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have reported that the matter pertaining to minority welfare under Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme is under the direct charge of Chief Minister or a Senior Minister.